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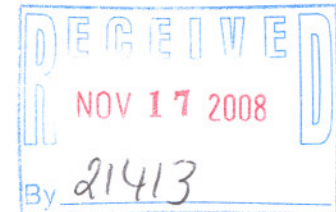
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12 November 2008

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RE: **Resolution Seeking Extension to Petition for Substantive Certification**  
Resolution of Municipal Intent to Petition for Plan Conformance

Dear Mr. Borden and Ms. Vandenberg;

Enclosed please find original certified copies of the above referenced Resolutions for your files. Please do not hesitate to contact this office with additional requests for documentation or inquiry.

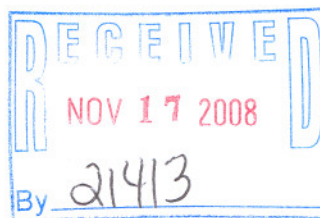
Thank you for your time.

With Regards,

Diane Pflugfelder, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

Enc.

cc: Anthony Iacocca, Municipal Attorney



Resolution

Resolution of the Township of Bethlehem Seeking an Extension of the Deadline  
To Petition for Substantive Certification Pursuant to Executive Order 114 and the  
Memorandum of Understanding between the Highlands Council  
And the Council on Affordable Housing

*WHEREAS*, On 5 September 2008, Governor Corzine signed Executive Order 114 which requires the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) and the New Jersey Highlands Council (Highlands) to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) designed to coordinate the regulations of both agencies by maximizing affordable housing opportunities while preserving critical environmental resources; and

*WHEREAS*, COAH and the Highlands have prepared such an MOU, which was adopted by COAH on 29 October 2008 and by the Highlands Council on 30 October 2008; and

*WHEREAS*, Conformance with the Highlands Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance) requires revisions to municipal and county master plans and development regulations as applicable to the development and use of land to align them with the goals, requirements, and provisions of the Regional Master Plan; and

*WHEREAS*, COAH regulations establish a 31 December 2008 deadline for municipalities currently under jurisdiction of COAH to submit third round petitions for substantive certification of a municipal housing element and fair share plan; and

*WHEREAS*, The MOU establishes a procedure that municipalities under the jurisdiction of both COAH and the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act may follow to seek an extension to the 31 December 2008 deadline set by COAH for the submission of third round petitions for substantive certification of a municipal housing element and fair share plan; and

*WHEREAS*, The MOU provides for an extension of the 31 December 2008 deadline to 8 December 2009 for any Highlands municipality under COAH's jurisdiction that, before 31 December 2008: 1) submits a duly adopted Notice of Intent to Petition in accordance with the Highlands Council Plan Conformance Guidelines; and 2) submits a duly adopted resolution notifying COAH of its intent to petition COAH no later than 8 December 2009; and

*WHEREAS*, On 16 October 2008, the Governing Body of the Township of Bethlehem adopted a resolution notifying the Highlands that the Township of Bethlehem has set 8 December 2009 as the target date for submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, That the Mayor and Governing Body of the Township of Bethlehem, Hunterdon County, that the Township of Bethlehem here by agrees that its deadline for the submission of a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan pursuant to NJAC 5:96-16 is extended from 31 December 2008 to 8 December 2009; and

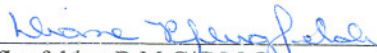
*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, That the Governing Body of the Township of Bethlehem hereby directs the Municipal Clerk or the Municipal Attorney to immediately transmit a signed and sealed copy of this Resolution to COAH; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, That the Governing Body of the Township of Bethlehem hereby directs the Municipal Clerk or the Municipal Attorney to immediately transmit a signed and sealed copy of the 16 October 2008 duly adopted Notice of Intent to Petition in accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines to COAH; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* That the Governing Body of the Township of Bethlehem intends to submit a petition for substantive certification of a third round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan to COAH not later than 8 December 2009.

Vote: absent - Meehan  
aye - Jimenez  
aye - Kucinski  
aye - G. Glazar  
aye - Graefe

I, Diane Pflugfelder, R.M.C/C.M.C, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bethlehem, County of Hunterdon, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the governing body at a meeting held on 6 November 2008.

  
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Diane Pflugfelder, R.M.C/C.M.C.  
Municipal Clerk